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25X1 1. On 2 June, sedan  and jeep , driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the parking lot at the office on Hoven Gasse in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). The Albrechts Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Only a few soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the installation. No motor vehicle tracks were observed at the entrance. Apparently, the Albrechts Kaserne was still vacant. Weapon carrier  was parked in the25X1 yard of the ration supply depot on Bahnhofs Platz. Vehicles observed at the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf included 3 trucks, 3 jeeps and 1 sedan. No weapons were seen. The area of the former cantonment on the road to Bisamberg was still fenced in and provided with watchtowers. The installation was guarded by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. A van-like truck and two van-like trailers with two horizontal devices, probably a radar, were parked at the installation.<sup>1</sup>25X1 2. On 2 June, two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, a few soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and three trucks were observed at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). No weapons were seen. Truck  driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets hauled ration supply boxes to the Artillerie Kaserne. About 20 EM did aiming practice with three AA machine guns at the air target installation. A group of 12 EM were engaged in rifle firing at the target range east of the Artillerie Kaserne.<sup>1</sup>

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25X1 3. On 1 June, sedan  driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht on Schlesstattring in St. Poelten. Two other sedans were parked in front of the installation. The garages west of the former Kreisgericht were guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Two trucks,  25X125X1 were parked in front of the garages. The Eugen Kaserne apparently was still vacant. Four trucks and 2 tank trucks were observed in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne. Several soldiers did maintenance work on 26 motor vehicles standing in the garages. Only a few soldiers and the radio truck with the long-wire antenna were observed at the Franz Josef Kaserne. The soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets. The barrier near the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets.  25X1

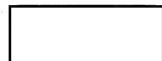
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4. On 1 June, fresh imprints of track-laying vehicles leading from the southern gate to the area west of the installation were observed at Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten. Other vehicles seen included 2 SU-76s, 2 half-track weapon carriers, and 5 trucks. A group of 30 unarmed soldiers did close-order drill.

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25X1 [REDACTED] All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The observations confirm the previous assumption that the bulk of the 23rd AAA Div had left its home stations. On 8 June 1953, troop trains of the 23rd AAA Div proceeding toward the Apetlon AAA Range were observed by another source. [REDACTED]. These contingents of the 23rd AAA Div possibly had been previously at a troop training grounds or a summer camp.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Most of the observations at St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern on 1 June 1953 are similar to observations made by the same source on 28 May 1953. [REDACTED]. The present report also indicates that contingents of the troops stationed at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne and Franz Josef Kaserne, probably the engineer battalion and the signal battalion of the 95th Gds Mts Rifle Div, had left St. Poelten. The occupation of the Rainer Kaserne, however, indicates that other units of the division remained at the post. Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten was also occupied. Most of the vehicle [REDACTED] reported from St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern belonged to the 95th Gds Mts Rifle Div.

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